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> IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

- - - - - - - - - x In re: Chapter 11 CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., : Case No. 08-35653-KRH <u>et</u> <u>al</u>., Debtors. : Jointly Administered - - - - - - - - - x

ORDER AUTHORIZING DEBTORS TO ASSUME, ASSIGN AND SELL UNEXPIRED LEASE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY

Upon consideration of motion, dated February 3, 2009 (the "Motion"), of Circuit City Stores, Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries, debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively,

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

the "Debtors"), for orders under sections 105(a), 363 and 365 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, and 9014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), (i) approving the bidding and auction procedures for sale of certain nonresidential real property leases (the "Bidding Procedures"), (ii) setting dates for sale hearings, and (iii) authorizing and approving (a) the sale (the "Sale") of certain unexpired nonresidential real property leases (the "Leases", comprising the February Leases and the March Leases, each as defined in the Motion) free and clear of all interests, including liens, claims, and encumbrances (collectively, the "Interests"), (b) the assumption and assignment of the Leases, and (c) lease rejection procedures for any Leases that are not sold in connection with the foregoing; and the Court having entered the Order under Bankruptcy Code Sections 105, 363, and 365 (I) Approving Bidding and Auction Procedures for Sale of Unexpired Nonresidential Real Property Leases, (II) Setting Sale Hearing Dates and (III) Authorizing and Approving (A) Sale of Certain

Unexpired Nonresidential Real Property Leases Free and Clear of All Interests, (B) Assumption and Assignment of Certain Unexpired Nonresidential Real Property Leases and (C) Lease Rejection Procedures (the "Bidding and Rejection Procedures Order"); and the Court having entered the Supplemental Order under Bankruptcy Code Sections 105, 363, and 365 Approving Amended Bid Deadline In Connection With Bidding And Auction Procedures For Sale Of Unexpired Nonresidential Real Property Leases (the "Supplemental Order"), which established a revised bid deadline of March 3, 2009 and amended the Bidding Procedures; and upon the record of the auction conducted on March 10, 2009 (the "Auction") and the hearing held on March 13, 2009 (the "Sale Hearing"); and after due deliberation thereon, and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT:

A. The Court has jurisdiction to hear and determine the Motion and to grant the relief requested

Findings of fact shall be construed as conclusions of law and conclusions of law shall be construed as findings of fact when appropriate. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7052.

in the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b)(1) and 1334(b).

- B. Venue of these cases and the Motion in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).
- C. The statutory predicates for the relief requested in the Motion are Bankruptcy Code sections 105, 363, and 365 and Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, and 9014.
- D. The notice of the Motion, the Auction, and the Sale Hearing given by the Debtors constitutes due and sufficient notice thereof.
- E. A reasonable opportunity to object or be heard regarding the relief in this Order has been afforded to all interested persons and entities, including the lessor (the "Lessor") for the lease related to store number 3679 (the "Store") located at 52 East 14th Street, Union Square South, New York, New York (together with any and all related lease documents and subleases associated therewith, if any, the "Lease").

- F. The Debtors and their professionals

 marketed the Lease and conducted a sale process as set

 forth in and in accordance with the Motion, the Bidding

 and Rejection Procedures Orders and the Bidding

 Procedures. Based upon the record of these proceedings,

 all creditors and other parties in interest and all

 prospective purchasers have been afforded a reasonable

 and fair opportunity to bid for the Lease.
- G. After an auction held on March 10, 2009, the Debtors determined that the highest and best Qualified Bid was that of Union Square Development Associates, LLC (the "Assignee").
- H. The Assignment Agreement and the sale of the Lease were negotiated and have been and are undertaken by the Debtors and the Assignee at arms' length without collusion or fraud, and in good faith within the meaning of Sections 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. As a result of the foregoing, the Debtors and the Assignee are entitled to the protections of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- I. Neither the Debtors nor the Assignee engaged in any conduct that would cause or permit the

Assignment Agreement or the consummation of the Sale to be avoided, or costs or damages to be imposed, under Section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- J. The total consideration provided by
 Assignee for the Lease is the highest and best offer
 received by the Debtors, and the consideration
 constitutes (a) reasonably equivalent value under the
 Bankruptcy Code and Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act,
 (b) fair consideration under the Uniform Fraudulent
 Conveyance Act, and (c) reasonably equivalent value,
 fair consideration and fair value under any other
 applicable laws of the United States, any state,
 territory or possession, or the District of Columbia,
 for the Lease.
- K. The Debtors have demonstrated good, sufficient, and sound business purpose and justification for the assumption, assignment, and sale of the Lease.
- L. The assumption, assignment, and sale of the Lease to the Assignee under sections 105, 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors.

- M. The Cure Amount (as defined herein) is deemed the entire cure obligation due and owing under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code
- N. The assumption, assignment, and sale of the Lease to the Assignee is in compliance with section 365(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, if applicable.
- O. Other than the Cure Amount, there are no outstanding defaults of the Debtors and their estates under the Lease.
- P. Upon the assignment to Assignee, the Lease shall be deemed valid and binding, in full force and effect in accordance with its terms, subject to the provisions of this Order and, pursuant to section 365(k) of the Bankruptcy Code, upon payment of the Cure Amount the Debtors and their estates shall be relieved from any further liability thereunder, including for any breach of the Lease.
- Q. Based on the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, 3 IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

³ Statements made by the Court from the bench at the hearing on the Motion shall constitute additional conclusions of law and findings of fact as appropriate.

- 1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.
- 2. All objections with regard to the relief sought in the Motion as it pertains to the Lease, that have not been withdrawn, waived, or settled, are overruled on the merits.
- 3. Under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are authorized to assume the Lease.
- 4. Under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are authorized to assign the Lease to the Assignee, which assignment shall take place on and be effective as of the Effective Date.
- 5. Under Bankruptcy Code section 363, the Debtors are authorized to sell the Lease to the Assignee.
- 6. The Debtors are authorized to execute the Assignment and Assumption Agreement, in substantially the form attached hereto as $\underline{\text{Exhibit A}}$ (the "Assignment Agreement").
- 7. The consummation of the transactions with respect to the Lease contemplated hereunder shall take place on the later of (i) the second business day after

entry of this Order and (ii) a date agreed upon between the Debtors and the Assignee (the "Effective Date").

- 8. Upon the occurrence of the Effective
 Date, subject to the provisions of this Order, the
 Assignee shall succeed to the entirety of Debtors'
 rights and obligations in the Lease and Store due,
 arising or attributable to the time period occurring on
 or after the Effective Date and shall have the rights of
 the tenant thereunder.
- 9. Upon the Effective Date neither the Assignee, the Debtors, nor the Debtors' estates shall have liability for cure claims of, from, or related to the Lease for any defaults or monetary obligations thereunder, except for payment of the Cure Amount as set forth herein. Notwithstanding any provision hereof which may be deemed to the contrary, nothing herein shall be deemed a waiver or release of Lessor's right to assert claims for coverage under any insurance policy issued with respect to the Stores for any third party claims that may have arisen on or before the Effective Date and all of the Debtors' rights with respect thereto

are preserved, including the right to enforce the automatic stay or similar injunction.

- shall be deemed to have waived, released and forever discharged any and all claims it may have against the Debtors, including claims under Bankruptcy Code sections 365, 502 and 503, and including all year end adjustments for 2009 and all prior years and any obligations or liabilities that would otherwise survive assignment of the Lease.
- 11. The Lessor shall be deemed to "credit bid" the "Undisputed Cure Amount" for the Lease, which amount totals \$372,202.24. The Assignee shall deposit into an escrow account (the "Escrow Account") with a third party agent (the "Escrow Agent"), within five (5) business days after the Effective Date the "Disputed Cure Amount", which shall equal \$71,313.48 (together, the Undisputed Cure Amount and Disputed Cure Amount shall mean and be referred to as the "Cure Amount"). The Disputed Cure Amount shall be held in the Escrow Account until the earlier of (i) the date the Debtors and the Lessor agree in writing or (ii) a final

nonappealable order is entered by this Court or an appellate court presiding over an appeal from an order of this Court (a "Final Order").

- 12. The Undisputed Cure Amount is calculated as of March 13, 2009 and shall be increased by a per diem charge of \$8,730.01 for each and every day from and after March 13, 2009 through and including the occurrence of the Effective Date.
- 13. Within five (5) business days after the Effective Date, the Lessor shall pay to the Debtors, in cash or otherwise immediately available funds, the difference between \$470,000 and the Cure Amount.
- 14. Upon (i) entry of a Final Order or (ii) by agreement of the Debtors and the Lessor, the Escrow Agent shall distribute the funds that then constitute the Disputed Cure Amount to the Debtors and/or the Lessor as provided for in such Final Order or agreement.
- 15. All fees and expenses owed to the Escrow Agent shall be paid from the Escrow Amount. If Escrow Amount is insufficient to satisfy such fees and expenses, the parties shall share equally any fees and expenses owed to the Escrow Agent. The Bankruptcy Court

shall retain exclusive jurisdiction with respect to resolution of the Disputed Cure Amount.

As of the Effective Date (i) all defaults under the Lease shall be deemed cured, (ii) no other amounts will be owed by Debtors or their estates with respect to the Lease (except for such portions of the Cure Amount which may be due to Lessor), (iii) no amounts will be owed by the Assignee with respect to the Lease for obligations relating or attributable to the period prior to the Effective Date, (iv) any and all persons, entities or the like shall be forever barred and estopped from asserting a claim against the Debtors, their estates, the Lessor or the Assignee that any additional amounts are due or defaults exist under the Lease, and (v) any and all persons, entities or the like shall be forever barred and estopped from asserting a claim against the Debtors, their estates, the Lessor and the Assignee that any additional amounts are due or defaults exist under the Lease that arose, relate to or are attributable to the period prior to the Effective Date.

- be deemed to have surrendered possession of the Store and Assignee shall be entitled to immediate possession thereof. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 554, any and all improvements, furniture, fixtures, equipment, inventory and/or any other personal property ("Abandoned Property") located at the Store is deemed abandoned on the Effective Date to the Assignee free and clear or all liens, claims and other interests. The Assignee may, in its sole discretion and without further notice, use, transfer or dispose of such Abandoned Property without liability to the Debtors or any third parties claiming an interest in such Abandoned Property.
- 18. Pursuant to section 365(f) of the
 Bankruptcy Code, notwithstanding any provision to the
 contrary in the Lease, or in applicable nonbankruptcy
 law, that prohibits, restricts, or conditions the
 assignment of the Lease, Debtors may assign the Lease to
 the Assignee.
- 19. Upon the occurrence of the Effective

 Date, subject to the provisions of this Order, the

 Assignee shall assume all obligations under the Lease

attributable to the time period occurring on or after the Effective Date or related to the period subsequent to the Effective Date.

- 20. Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Assignee shall be entitled to the protections of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 21. Upon the assignment authorized herein, and under section 365(k) of the Bankruptcy Code, Debtors and their estates shall have no further liability under the Lease.
- 22. Upon the assignment to Assignee, the Lease shall be deemed valid and binding, in full force and effect in accordance with their terms, subject to the provisions of this Order.
- 23. To the extent that any of the Debtors acts as a guarantor of the Lease (a "Debtor-Guarantor"), the Debtor-Guarantor(s) shall have no obligations with respect to the Lease after the Effective Date.
- 24. The sale and corresponding assumption and assignment of the Lease authorized hereunder shall be free and clear of all Interests, with all such Interests attaching only to the amount paid to the Debtors on

account of this assignment of the Lease, in the same order and priority, and with the same validity and enforceability, as same may have had prior to the sale, assumption and assignment of the Lease, subject to any and all available defenses.

Any mechanic's lien filed against Debtors with respect to the premises associated with the Lease is hereby released, discharged, and terminated, and the Assignee is hereby authorized to file, register, or otherwise record a certified copy of this Order and each and every federal, state, and local governmental agency or department is hereby directed to accept a certified copy of this Order as conclusive evidence of the release, discharge, and termination of any mechanic's lien filed against the Debtors with respect to the premises associated with the Lease and shall remove such mechanic's lien from record. Any interest released, discharged and/or terminated under this paragraph shall attach solely to the amount paid to the Debtors on account of this assignment of the Lease, subject to any and all available defenses.

- 26. Except for (i) the Debtors with respect to their rights under the Assignment Agreement and this Order, and (ii) the Lessor with respect to the Cure Amount, all parties to the Lease, and to any other agreements relating to the Lease, other than the Assignment Agreement, are forever barred from raising or asserting against the Assignee any default or breach under, or any claim or pecuniary loss, arising under or related to the Lease or such other agreements, arising, accruing or incurred prior to the Effective Date.
- 27. All parties to the Lease, and to any other agreements relating to the Lease, other than the Assignment Agreement, are forever barred from raising or asserting against the Debtors or their estates any default or breach under, or any claim or pecuniary loss, arising under or related to, the Lease or such other agreements.
- 28. Any obligations arising under the Lease which arise, accrue, are incurred or relate to periods on or subsequent to the Effective Date, including but not limited to any tax, utility, common area charges or insurance payments, shall be the obligation of the

Assignee, and no party (including the Assignee) shall have a claim against the Debtors or their estates for such obligations.

- 29. No amounts other than the Cure Amount are or shall be due to the Lessor, or any other non-Debtor parties to the Lease, in connection with the assumption by the Debtors and assignment and sale to the Assignee of the Lease.
- 30. The Lessor and any governmental agency shall accept and honor the assignment of the Lease to the Assignee in accordance with the Assignment Agreement and this Order.
- 31. The Lessor shall cooperate and expeditiously execute and deliver, upon the reasonable requests of the Assignee, and shall not charge the Assignee for, any instruments, applications, consents, or other documents which may be required by any public or quasi-public authority or other party or entity, for the purpose of obtaining any permits, approvals or other necessary documents required for the alteration, installation of signage, opening and operating of the premises associated with the Lease.

- 32. This Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry and shall not be stayed pursuant to Rules 6004(h) or 6006(d).
- 33. The requirement under Local Bankruptcy
 Rule 9013-1(G) to file a memorandum of law in connection
 with the Motion is hereby waived.
- 34. To the extent that any provisions in the Assignment Agreement conflict with this Order, the Order shall govern.
- 35. The Debtors and their estates are authorized to take all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to effectuate the assumption and assignment of the Lease consistent with this Order.

36. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this Order and the assumption and assignment of the Lease.

Dated: Richmond, Virginia
March __, 2009

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

WE ASK FOR THIS:

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CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT UNDER LOCAL RULE 9022-1(C)

Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9022-1(C), I hereby certify that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

/s/ Douglas M. Foley_____
Douglas M. Foley

EXHIBIT A

ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT

This **ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT** (this "**Assignment**") is made as of March 16, 2009 (the "**Effective Date**"), by and between **CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC.**, a Virginia corporation ("**Assignor**"), as assignor, and **UNION SQUARE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC** ("**Assignee**"), as assignee.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Assignor, as tenant, and OTR, an Ohio general partnership acting as the duly designated nominee of the State Teachers Retirement Board of Ohio ("OTR"), as landlord, entered into that certain Agreement of Lease dated as of December 13, 1996 (as amended, the "Lease"), for a portion of the Retail Unit located at One Union Square South, New York, New York, more particularly described in the Lease, and the landlord's interest in the Lease was subsequently assigned by OTR to Union Square Retail Trust ("USRT");

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2009, Assignor and certain of its direct and indirect subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Bankruptcy Code**");

WHEREAS, on March ___, 2009, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Bankruptcy Court") entered an order (the "Order") approving the sale, assumption, and assignment of the Lease;

WHEREAS, Assignee was the highest or otherwise best bidder at an auction for the Lease and has requested that Assignor assume, assign and sell the Lease to the Assignee; and

WHEREAS, subject to the terms and conditions of this Assignment, (i) Assignee desires that Assignor transfer, assign and set over to Assignee, and Assignee take assignment of, all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to the Lease, and (ii) Assignor is willing to transfer, assign and set over to Assignee all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to the Lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, mutual promises, representations, warranties and covenants contained in this Assignment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereby agree as follows:

AGREEMENT:

- 1. <u>Assignment of Lease</u>. As of the Effective Date, Assignor does hereby transfer, assign and set over to Assignee, and Assignee does hereby take assignment of, all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to the Lease.
- 2. <u>Assumption of Obligations</u>. Assignee does hereby assume and does hereby agree to observe, perform, fulfill and discharge, all of Assignor's duties, obligations, and liabilities of whatever

nature that are required to be performed, that accrue, or that relate to the period on or after the Effective Date under the Lease and the Order.

- 3. <u>Release of Claims</u>. USRT does hereby waive and release any and all claims it may have against Assignor, including claims under Bankruptcy Code sections 365, 502 and 503, and including all year end adjustments for 2009 and all prior years and any obligations or liabilities that would otherwise survive assignment of the Lease. Notwithstanding the foregoing, USRT reserves all rights with respect to recovering the "Cure Amount" as such term is defined in the Order.
- 4. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Assignee hereby acknowledges and agrees the Lease is transferred, assigned and set over to Assignee AS IS, WHERE IS, without representations or warranties of any kind whatsoever and that the premises covered by the Lease will be delivered AS IS, WHERE IS on the Effective Date, notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Lease.
- 5. <u>Notices</u>. Any notice, demand, consent, approval, direction, agreement or other communication required or permitted hereunder or under any other documents in connection herewith shall be in writing and shall be directed as follows:

If to Assignor:

Circuit City Stores, Inc. Attn: Director of Real Estate 9950 Mayland Drive Richmond, VA 23233

with a copy to:

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP Attn: Gregg M. Galardi, Ian S. Fredericks, Chris L. Dickerson and T. Kellan Grant One Rodney Square Wilmington, DE 19889

If to Assignee:

Union Square Development Associates, LLC c/o The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio 275 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215 Attention: Real Estate Counsel

with a copy to:

The Related Companies, L.P. 60 Columbus Circle New York, New York 10023 Attention: Bruce A. Beal, Jr./Michael Winston

and a copy to:

Seyfarth Shaw LLP 975 F Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20004 Attention: Robert L. Bodansky, Esq.

- 6. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Assignment sets forth the entire agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to the matters contemplated by this Assignment.
- 7. <u>Parties Bound</u>. This Assignment shall bind and inure to the benefit of Assignor and Assignee and their respective successors and assigns.
- 8. <u>Applicable Law.</u> This Assignment shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and, to the extent not inconsistent, the internal laws of the State of New York without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of law thereof. The Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over this Agreement with respect to disputes between Assigner and Assignee. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to amend the Lease with respect to disputes between Assignee and USRT, and, as more particularly provided in the Lease, (a) the Lease and all of such disputes between Assignee and USRT shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, and (b) the Courts in New York shall have jurisdiction thereover.
- 9. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Assignment may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Assignment has been duly executed and delivered by the duly authorized officers of Assignor and Assignee as of the date and year first written above.

CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., as debtor and debtor in possession in Case No. 08-35653-KRH
By:
Name: Title:
UNION SQUARE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC
By: Union Square Retail Trust, its Sole Member
By: Union Square Retail, LLC, its Manager
By: Name: Title: